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To: T GALLEGOS, L KUNZLER
Date: Wednesday, July 27, 1994 12:36 pm
Subject: AMERICAN STONE - UNPERMITTED SMO

LON THOMAS FROM THOMAS AMERICAN STONE CAME IN THIS MORNING IN RESPONSE TO RECEIVING OUR JULY 8, 1994 LETTER REGARDING AN UNPERMITTED SMO IN BOX ELDER COUNTY. LON STATED HE WAS SURE THAT HE HAD INCLUDED THE PERMITTING PAPER WORK FOR THIS MINESITE WHEN HE FILED THE OTHER 4 OR 5 SMO'S FOR HIS OTHER OPERATIONS SOME TIME AGO. HE INDICATED THAT THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION OVER THE SMALL MINE SITE WHICH WE CALLED THE WHITEWASH PROJECT LOCATED IN GRAND COUNTY. HE SAID HE HASN'T BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SITE SINCE THE LATE 70'S WHEN IT WAS TURNED BACK OVER TO THE LESSOR/CLAIMANT. WE WILL NEED TO INVESTIGATE THIS FURTHER WITH THE BLM.

HE SAID HE HAD MEN ON THE (UNPERMITTED) COTTON THOMAS SITE NOW AND WANTED TO FILL OUT ANY NECESSARY PAPERWORK TODAY TO ALLOW HIM TO KEEP OPERATING. I ASSISTED HIM IN COMPLETING A NEW SMO PERMIT APPLICATION AND PROVIDED HIM WITH A COPY FOR HIS RECORDS. THERE WAS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER A VARIANCE(S) WAS REQUIRED OR NOT. WE DISCUSSED THE REASON FOR THE VARIANCE SECTION AND HOW IT APPLIED TO THE OPERATIONAL AND RECLAMATION PERFORMANCE STANDARDS. I TOLD HIM THAT HE NEEDED TO TAKE A CAREFUL LOOK AT THESE REQUIREMENTS AND COMPARE IT TO HIS ONSITE MINE CONDITIONS BEFORE HE SIGNED HIS APPLICATION FORM. I GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE SMALL MINING RULES AND HIGHLIGHTED THE SECTIONS ON OPERATIONAL AND RECLAMATION STANDARDS. I ASKED HIM TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THESE SECTIONS AND TO SEND US A WRITTEN RESPONSE NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY (7/29/94), 5:00PM AS TO WHETHER HE FELT HE WOULD NEED ANY VARIANCES. I TOLD HIM ANY VARIANCE REQUESTS WOULD NEED TO BE FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE DIVISION FOLLOWING AN ONSITE INSPECTION TO CONFIRM THE JUSTIFICATION FOR SAME.

I TOLD HIM I WOULD TRY AND CONFIRM WITH MANAGEMENT, BEFORE I LEFT TOWN TODAY, WHETHER HE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS BETWEEN NOW AND OUR FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THIS APPLICATION. I ALSO INDICATED I WOULD TELEFAX HIM A COPY OF THIS E-MAIL MEMO FOR HIS REFERENCE.

THIS MEMO HAS ALSO BEEN COPIED TO THE MINE FILE: S/003/024

CC: LBRAXTON